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Inventors: Allen, et al.

For: **System and Method for Efficient Management of Fibre Channel Communication**

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- ☒ Patent Specification and Declaration.
- ☒ sheets of drawing(s). (Formal) 9 Sheets.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation (includes Recordation Form Cover Sheet).
- ☐ A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.
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